(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Hindustan Times of the 11th December, 1989 to the effect that Government plans to set up new heart centres in Delhi; and

(b) if so, what are the main features of the proposal ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTRAY): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. The Delhi Administration has informed that it has no proposal to set up specialised hospital/Research Centre in the Capital for treatment of heart diseases.

Representations on Drug Industry

603. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of communications received from Members of Parliament on drug issues from the 1st January, 1989 to the 20th February, 1990;

(b) what are the details of issues raised in these communications;

(c) whether his Ministry has examined those issues; and

(d) if so, what action has been taken on each ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) and (b) To the extent information is available about 110 communications were received from Members of Parliament relating to licensing, import-export, recovery of amount from the companies under DPEA and Court Cases, fixation of prices of drugs under DPCO, 1987, overcharging, exclusion/inclusion of drugs in DPCO 1987, price increase etc.

(c) and (d) Action on most of the issues raised has been taken. As for those pertaining to recovery of amount, action is on. To resolve matters connected with DPCO 1987, the Department has already constituted a permanent Standing Committee.

Transfer of Officers in the Office of the Development Commissioner (Drugs)

604. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of officers in the Office of the Development Commissioner (Drugs) have been either transferred or shifted from their seats on the ground of their involvement in corrupt practices;

(b) if so, the number of officers transferred or shifted during the last two years along with the designation of each;

(c) whether it is a fact that Development Commissioners have also been shifted during this period; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) to (d) No, Sir, some transfers were effected in the normal administrative convenience. Details of the tranfers effected during the last two years are furnished in the Statement. The details also include the information about the Development Commissioner (Pharmaceutical Industry).